

REMARKS

The application has been amended to insert the required reference to the parent application of this new divisional application, as well as information for Japanese Patent Application No. 10-337108, filed November 27, 1998. In addition, prior to the examination of this application, Applicants cancel claims 10-13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this application and timely allowance of pending claims 1-9.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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